

**PATENT COOPERATION TREATY  
IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

**In re Application of ::**

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**For: Silinane Compounds as Cysteine Protease Inhibitors**

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**Sir:**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed together with the National Phase filing of the above-identified International Application under 35 USC 371.

It is requested that this Amendment be entered prior to calculation of the filing fees.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.